

Senate Bill No. 1770

CHAPTER 1047

An act to add Section 54761.3 to the Education Code, relating to school finance.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1770, McPherson. School finance: revenue limits.

Existing law establishes a program to allocate supplemental grants to fund designated programs for school districts that are receiving less than average funding from state categorical education programs. Existing law requires each school district that received funding during the 1992-93 fiscal year from the supplemental grant program to request the Superintendent of Public Instruction to add, commencing with the 1993-94 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the funds received under that program in the 1992-93 fiscal year to the base revenue limit or to one or more of categorical programs, including, among others, home-to-school transportation.

Existing law provides that any action by a school district to change or maintain the 1993-94 designation of supplemental grant funds is considered a new designation that is applicable in the 1994-95 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

Existing law allowed school districts to change the designation of supplemental grant funds after August 3, 1995 until October 1, 1995, and provided that any action by a school district to change or maintain the designation of supplemental grant funds for the 1994-95 fiscal year is considered a new designation that is applicable in that 1995-96 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter. Existing law provides that, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, for purposes of computing the base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance for the 1995-96 fiscal year of a school district, the base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance of the school district for the 1994-95 fiscal year is increased by an amount equal to the amount of supplemental grant funds added to the total revenue limit in the 1994-95 fiscal year divided by the school district's revenue limit average daily attendance for the 1994-95 fiscal year.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law, authorize a school district that chose to designate home-to-school transportation as the program to which a supplemental grant was to be added, thereby increasing its home-to-school transportation allowance, to transfer into another of prescribed categorical education program accounts the amount that the school district's

home-to-school transportation allowance for the 1996–97 fiscal year exceeded its approved home-to-school transportation costs for the 1995–96 fiscal year, not to exceed the amount of supplemental grant funding that was added to the home-to-school transportation allowance of the school district.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 54761.3 is added to the Education Code, to read:

54761.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school district that chose to designate home-to-school transportation as the program to which a supplemental grant was to be added, thereby increasing its home-to-school transportation allowance, may, for the 1996–97 fiscal year, transfer into another categorical education program account set forth in clause (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 54761 the amount that the school district's home-to-school transportation allowance for the 1996–97 fiscal year exceeded its approved home-to-school transportation costs for the 1995–96 fiscal year. The amount transferred pursuant to this section may not exceed the amount of supplemental grant funding that was added to the home-to-school transportation allowance of the school district. In a manner prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, eligible school districts shall request, no later than February 1, 1999, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction initiate the transfer. The request shall designate the program or programs to which the supplemental grant funding is to be transferred. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall adjust program allocations as requested.

